

MARKET INDICATORS

As of October 5, 2017

Index/ Bond	Index Level/Yield	DoD Change	DoD % Change
PSEi	8,294.01	-50.04	-0.60%
Dow Jones	22,775.39	113.75	0.50%
NASDAQ	6,585.36	50.73	0.78%
S&P500	2,552.07	14.33	0.56%
MSCI Asia ex-Japan	673.44	0.55	0.08%
MSCI Emerging Market	1,102.76	0.92	0.08%
5Yr FXTN	4.60	-4 bps	
10 Yr US Treasury	2.35	3 bps	
USD/PHP	50.99	-0.03	-0.05%

Source: Bloomberg



News in the Philippines

Inflation Rate at 3.4% in September YoY

- According to a report by the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA), rise in the price of basic goods in September was at 3.4%, mainly driven by higher food and fuel prices caused by typhoons. Food inflation rose 3.6% while nonfood inflation rose 3.1%, the fastest it has been since February 2013. Last month's inflation reading was a five-month high, with the same month last year, only posting at 2.3%. However, with inflation rate being higher than expected, Socioeconomic Planning Secretary Ernesto M. Pernia remains positive that the inflation rate for the year will fall within the targeted range of 2-4%.

Local Bond Market

- The yield of the benchmark 5-year bond closed at 4.60, falling 4 bps during yesterday's session.
- The yields of bonds traded mostly negative throughout yesterday's session with 0 yields rising, 6 yields falling and 5 yields remaining stagnant.

Philippine Stocks

- Local stocks slid from the 8,300-mark yesterday as investors locked up gains in light of inflationary concerns. The decline was led by the mining/oil sector. Similarly, the industrial, holding firm, and property sectors fell. The PSEI gained 0.60% or 50.04 points to end the day at 8,294.01.

Philippine Peso

- The local peso rose against the U.S. dollar as investors waited for the U.S. non-farm payrolls report that will be released on Friday. The peso closed the day at PHP 50.99.



News around the World

U.S. Initial Jobless Claims Drop by 12,000 to 260,000

- Based on the latest data released by the U.S. Labor Department on the Initial jobless Claims in the week ended September 30 fell by 12,000 ending at 260,000. The claims for unemployment benefits fell due to the fading effect of the recent hurricanes, Harvey and Irma in several states. The drop in the claims may also have been influenced by a slow-down in hiring last month which was at 80,000 projected payroll gains, and businesses operations return to normal. Last week's initial claims were at 272,000 unrevised.

US Market

- U.S. stocks continued to reach record highs on Thursday with the Standard & Poor's 500 (S&P 500) Index rising for the eighth straight day, the longest run in four years. The financial and information technology sectors led the rise. The S&P 500 ended at 2,552.07 rising 0.56% or 14.33 points. The Dow Jones gained 113.75 points or 0.50% to end at 22,775.39. The NASDAQ went up 50.73 points or 0.78% to close at 6,585.36.

Asian Stocks

- Asian stocks advanced on Thursday as investors anticipated the release of U.S. jobs data. MSCI Asia-Ex Japan Index rose 0.08% or 0.55 points to close at 673.44.

Emerging Markets

- Emerging market equities posted modest gains on Thursday after a four-day streak as influenced by the awaited release of U.S. jobs reports. The MSCI Emerging Markets Index rose 0.08% or 0.92 points, closing at 1,102.76.